

2021/22 BUDGET DEVELOPMENT ANNUAL BUDGET PRIORITIES

Public Board Meeting

May 18, 2021

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PRESENTATION AGENDA



1. Planning Context
2. Governance
3. 2021/22 Recommendations
4. What's Next

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PLANNING CONTEXT



Financial Considerations

- District generated revenues are down \$5 million from 2019/20 school year (pre COVID-19).
- No expectation of additional federal or provincial COVID-19 funding (\$7.3 million received 2020/21).
- Decision required to balance priorities, program and services during current fiscal outlook.

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PLANNING CONTEXT



Health and Safety Guidelines

- Current status is Stage 2: Learning groups: full-time class.
- Ministry direction for September is Plan for Stage 1: Learning as usual: full-time in class.
- Provincial COVID-19 Health and Safety Guidelines for K-12 Settings will change: timing unknown.
- New Guidelines will determine Health and Safety Requirements.

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PLANNING CONTEXT



Guiding Principles

- Input through consultation with partner groups and the public.
- Budgets will be **allocated strategically**.
- Focus on **financial stewardship** through making difficult decisions.
- Prioritize **long-term sustainability** to protect accumulated operating surplus
- **Conservatism in planning assumptions** to minimize financial risks.

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GOVERNANCE



Role of the Board

- Adopt annual operating budget by June 30
- As financial stewards of the School District, important to connect:
 - School District goals
 - Strategic planning
 - Finances (through annual operating budget)

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STRATEGIC PLAN 2021 - 2031



- **Student-Centred Education:** Provide equity-based education that supports the learning needs of all students.
- **Innovative Instruction:** Enhance innovative and effective approaches and curriculum to develop educated citizens.
- **Welcoming and Inclusive Culture:** Enhance our welcoming, safe, and inclusive culture and learning environment.
- **Mental Health and Well-being:** Promote mental health and well-being through social-emotional learning and trauma-informed practices.
- **Truth, Healing, and Reconciliation:** Champion truth, healing, and reconciliation, and embed Indigenous ways of knowing.
- **Environmental Stewardship:** Lead on sustainable practices and nature-based learning to address environmental challenges.

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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2021/22



Maintain and Hold

- Maintain education programs and services
- Achieve contractual obligations
- Targeted supports for inclusive education
- Prioritize new targeted funds for highest and best use
- Prioritize planned technology investments
- Consider strategic priorities where possible

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WHAT'S NEXT



Short-term

- June 8 Standing Committee: Expense Analysis
- June 22 Public Board Meeting: Budget Approval
- June 29 Public Board Meeting: if needed

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WHAT'S NEXT



Medium-term

- Mid July Draft 2020/21 Financial Statements
- Summer Updated Health & Safety Guidelines
- Sept Audited 2020/21 Financial Statements
- Sept Enrolment Report
- Fall Prioritize strategic investments
- Mid Dec Final Operating Grant
- Feb Amended Operating Budget

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QUESTIONS?

